

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 16, 27 and 36 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A modular selection button for actuating contact elements, the selection button comprising:

a housing;

a rotating handle;

a disk-shaped transmission member supported in the housing and non-rotatably coupled to the handle, the transmission member including at least one axially projecting and axially acting switching cam element disposed on a rear side thereof;

a first stop device including at least one first stop disposed on the housing and fixed relative to the housing and a first counterstop disposed on the handle and rotatable using the handle, the first stop device configured to limit a first angle of rotation of the handle, the first stop device useable for a first latching mode of the selection button, the first latching mode having a first resting position, a first clockwise latched rotated position and a first counterclockwise latched rotated position;

a second stop device including at least one second stop disposed on the housing and fixed relative to the housing and a second counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle, the second stop device limiting a second angle of rotation of the handle, the second stop device useable for a second latching mode of the selection button, the second latching mode having a second resting position and a second clockwise latched rotated position; and

at least one switch plunger supported in the housing so as to be non-rotatable and axially movable against a spring device, the at least one switch plunger including a symmetrically formed end face configured to cooperate with the at least one switching cam

element, the transmission member ~~being capable of~~ latching onto the switch plunger using the end face and the switching cam element when a predetermined angle of rotation of the handle is reached.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 16 wherein the handle includes at least one of a finger-grip knob and a rotary knob.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 16 further comprising a fifth stop device including:

a fourth counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle; and

a second stop slide latchably insertable into the housing so as to be fixed relative to the housing, the second stop slide including a second stop face;

the fifth stop device limiting a fifth angle of rotation of the handle, an angular distance in a direction of rotation between the second stop face and the fourth counterstop being smaller than an angular distance between the first stop and the first counterstop and an angular distance between the second stop and the second counterstop.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 18 wherein the second stop slide has a strip-like shape and wherein the stop face is disposed on a front part of the second stop slide at a narrow side thereof with respect to a direction of rotation of the handle, the second stop slide including a first latching device disposed at a rear part thereof configured to engage a corresponding first mating latching device of the housing.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 19 wherein:

the at least one switch plunger includes a first and a second switch plunger diametrically opposing each other;

the at least one first stop includes two first stops diametrically opposing each other;

the at least one second stop includes two second stops diametrically opposing each other;

and

the fifth stop includes another second stop slide diametrically opposing the second stop slide, the another second stop slide latchingably insertable into the housing so as to be fixed relative to the housing, the second stop slide including a respective second stop face, the another second stop slide having a strip-like shape, the respective stop face of the another second stop slide being disposed on a respective front part of the respective second stop slide at a respective narrow side thereof with respect to the direction of rotation of the handle, the another second stop slide including a respective first latching device disposed at a respective rear part thereof configured to engage a corresponding second mating latching device of the housing, the first and second mating latching devices having a same shape and being diametrically opposed to each other.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 20 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements symmetrically offset from each other by a first acute angle and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting fourth counterstops angularly offset from the switching cam elements, both axially projecting fourth counterstops being symmetrically offset from each other by a second acute angle.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 20 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements offset from each other by 180° and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting second counterstops offset from each other by 180°.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 16 further comprising a sixth stop device, the sixth stop device including two diametrically opposing fourth stops disposed on the housing and second counterstops disposed on the transmission member and being configured to achieve the second resting position of the selection button.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 16 wherein the transmission member further includes at least one slot segment disposed on a front side thereof, wherein the handle includes at least one of a finger-grip knob and a rotary

knob, and wherein the handle includes rib segments disposed on a rear side thereof configured to engage the at least one slot segment in a positive-locking manner.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 24 wherein the handle is capable of achieving at least two engagement positions with the transmission member, the at least two engagement positions being offset from each other.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 16 wherein the transmission member defines a light aperture.

Claim 27 (currently amended): A modular selection button for actuating contact elements, the selection button comprising:

a housing;
a rotating handle including a key actuator actuatable using a key;
a disk-shaped transmission member supported in the housing and non-rotatably coupled to the handle, the transmission member including at least one axially projecting and axially acting switching cam element disposed on a rear side thereof;
a third stop device including at least one third stop disposed ~~the housing and~~ fixed relative to the housing and a third counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle, the third stop device limiting a third angle of rotation of the handle, the third stop device useable for a latching mode of the selection button, the latching mode having a latched rotated position; and

at least one switch plunger supported in the housing so as to be non-rotatable and axially movable against a spring device, the at least one switch plunger including a symmetrically formed end face configured to cooperate with the at least one switching cam element, the transmission member ~~being capable of~~ latching onto the switch plunger using the end face and the switching cam element when a predetermined angle of rotation of the handle is reached.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 27 further comprising a fourth stop device configured to limit a fourth angle of rotation of the handle, the fourth stop device including a first stop slide insertable into the housing in a

latchable manner from at a rear side of the housing via an opening defined by the housing, the first stop slide including a first stop face, and wherein the transmission member further includes a fourth counterstop disposed on the transmission member, an angular distance in a direction of rotation between the first stop face and the fourth counterstop being smaller than an angular distance between the third stop and the third counterstop.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 27 further comprising a fifth stop device configured to limit a fifth angle of rotation of the handle, the fifth stop device including:

a second stop slide latchably insertable into the housing, the second stop slide including a second stop face; and

a fourth counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 29 further comprising a fourth stop device configured to limit a fourth angle of rotation of the handle, the fourth stop device including a first stop slide insertable into the housing in a latchable manner from at a rear side of the housing via an opening defined by the housing, the first stop slide including a first stop face, and wherein:

the first and second stop slides have a respective strip-like shape, the respective stop faces being disposed at a respective narrow side with respect to the direction of rotation;

the first and second stop slides further include a respective first latching device disposed at a respective rear portion thereof and configured to engage with a respective corresponding mating second latching device of the housing; and

the first stop slide defines a notch in a front part thereof configured to form the first stop face.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 30 wherein:

the at least one switch plunger includes a first and a second switch plunger diametrically opposing each other;

the housing further includes a first and a second third stop diametrically opposing

each other and having a same shape; and

the respective corresponding mating second latching device (64) of the housing includes a first and second latching device diametrically opposing each other and having a same shape.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 31 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements symmetrically offset from each other by a first acute angle and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting fourth counterstops angularly offset from the switching cam elements, both axially projecting fourth counterstops being symmetrically offset from each other by a second acute angle.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 31 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements offset from each other by 180° and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting second counterstops offset from each other by 180°.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 27 further comprising a sixth stop device, the sixth stop device including two diametrically opposing fourth stops disposed on the housing and second counterstops disposed on the transmission member and being for achieving a resting position of the selection button.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 27 further comprising a cylinder lock non-rotatably connected to the housing via a cover, strip-like formations on a rear side of a core of the rotatable lock engaging in a positive locking manner with recesses defined on a front side of the transmission member, the third stop being disposed on a rear side of the cylinder lock and the third counterstop being disposed on the front side of the transmission member.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A modular selection button for actuating contact elements, the selection button comprising:
a housing;

a rotating handle;

a disk-shaped transmission member supported in the housing and non-rotatably coupled to the handle, the transmission member including at least one axially projecting and axially acting switching cam element disposed on a rear side thereof;

a first stop device including at least one first stop disposed on the housing and fixed relative to the housing and a first counterstop disposed on the handle and rotatable using the handle, the first stop device configured to limit a first angle of rotation of the handle, the first stop device useable for a first latching mode of the selection button, the first latching mode having a first resting position, a first clockwise latched rotated position and a first counterclockwise latched rotated position;

a third stop device including at least one third stop disposed ~~the housing and~~ fixed relative to the housing and a third counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle, the third stop device configured to limit a third angle of rotation of the handle of the handle, the third stop device useable for a third latching mode of the selection button, the second latching mode having a second latched rotated position; and

at least one switch plunger supported in the housing so as to be non-rotatable and axially movable against a spring device, the at least one switch plunger including a symmetrically formed end face configured to cooperate with the at least one switching cam element, the transmission member ~~being capable of~~ latching onto the switch plunger using the end face and the switching cam element when a predetermined angle of rotation of the handle is reached.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 wherein the handle is at least one of a finger-grip knob, a rotary knob and a key actuator.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 further comprising a second stop device including at least one second stop disposed on the housing and fixed relative to the housing and a second counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle, the second stop device configured to limit a second angle of rotation of the handle, the second stop device useable for a second latching mode of the selection button, the second latching mode having a second resting position and a second clockwise latched rotated position.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 further comprising a fourth stop device configured to limit a fourth angle of rotation of the handle, the fourth stop device including a first stop slide insertable into the housing in a latchable manner from at a rear side of the housing via an opening defined by the housing, the first stop slide including a first stop face, and wherein the transmission member further includes a fourth counterstop disposed on the transmission member, an angular distance in a direction of rotation between the first stop face and the fourth counterstop being smaller than an angular distance between the third stop and the third counterstop.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 further comprising a fifth stop device configured to limit a fifth angle of rotation of the handle, the fifth stop device including:

a second stop slide latchably insertable into the housing, the second stop slide including a second stop face; and

a fourth counterstop disposed on the transmission member and rotatable using the handle.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 40 further comprising a fourth stop device configured to limit a fourth angle of rotation of the handle, the fourth stop device including a first stop slide insertable into the housing in a latchable manner from at a rear side of the housing via an opening defined by the housing, the first stop slide including a first stop face, and wherein:

the first and second stop slides have a respective strip-like shape, the respective stop faces being disposed at a respective narrow side with respect to the direction of rotation;

the first and second stop slides further include a respective first latching device disposed at a respective rear portion thereof and configured to engage with a respective corresponding mating second latching device of the housing; and

the first stop slide defines a notch in a front part thereof configured to form the first stop face.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 41

wherein:

the at least one switch plunger includes a first and a second switch plunger diametrically opposing each other;

the housing further includes a first and a second third stop diametrically opposing each other and having a same shape; and

the respective corresponding mating second latching device of the housing includes a first and second latching device diametrically opposing each other and having a same shape.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 42 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements symmetrically offset from each other by a first acute angle and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting fourth counterstops angularly offset from the switching cam elements, both axially projecting fourth counterstops being symmetrically offset from each other by a second acute angle.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 42 wherein the at least one switching cam element of the transmission member includes two switching cam elements offset from each other by 180° and wherein the transmission element further includes axially projecting second counterstops offset from each other by 180°.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 further comprising a sixth stop device, the sixth stop device including two diametrically opposing fourth stops disposed on the housing and second counterstops disposed on the transmission member and being configured to achieve a resting position of the selection button.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 wherein the transmission member further includes at least one slot segment disposed on a front side thereof, wherein the handle includes at least one of a finger-grip knob and a rotary knob, and wherein the handle includes rib segments disposed on a rear side thereof configured to engage the at least one slot segment in a positive-locking manner.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 46 wherein the handle is capable of achieving at least two engagement positions with the transmission member, the at least two engagement positions being offset from each other.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 wherein the transmission member defines a light aperture.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The modular selection button as recited in claim 36 further comprising a cylinder lock non-rotatably connected to the housing via a cover, strip-like formations on a rear side of a core of the rotatable lock engaging in a positive locking manner with recesses defined on a front side of the transmission member, the third stop being disposed on a rear side of the cylinder lock and the third counterstop being disposed on the front side of the transmission member.